

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5419
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EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare region of Andaman and Nicobar Islands into Exclusive Economic Zone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): The Exclusive Economic Zone has been defined as an area beyond and adjacent to the Territorial Waters and the limit of such Zone is two hundred nautical miles from the baseline in the Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976, (Act No.80 of 1976). Andaman and Nicobar Islands are also covered under this Act.